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SUBJECT: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' TENTATIVE SCHEDULE IN
BUENOS AIRES

REF: A. STATE 39033, B. MONTEVIDEO 565

1. EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S VISIT.
ON BASIS OF REF A, WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIALS, INCLUDING VIGNES, AND PUT TOGETHER FOLLOWING
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- A. 3/10, 0750 - ARRIVAL
- B. 0930 - COFFEE AT RESIDENCE WITH GROUP OF ARGENTINE EXPORTERS
- C. 1030-1230 - DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS,
INCLUDING AUDIENCE WITH VIGNES
- D. 1300-1500 - WORKING LUNCHEON AT PLAZA HOTEL HOSTED BY
FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES
- E. 1530 - FLY TO MONTEVIDEO BY DAO AIRCRAFT
- F. 3/11, 1100 - RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES FROM MONTEVIDEO, LANDING
AT AEROPARQUE
- G. 1130 - AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT PERON
- H. 1300 - WORKING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR HILL
- I. 1500-1630 - DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND TEAM

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J. 1700-1830 - MEETING IN RESIDENCE WITH MEMBERS OF AMERICAN

BUSINESS COMMUNITY

K. 2000 - DINNER WITH FAMILY AT RESIDENCE AND RETIRE EARLY

L. 3/12 - DEPART 0810 (VIA SABENA) FOR SANTIAGO, ARRIVING

THERE JUST AFTER 1000

2. IN WORKING OUT THIS SCHEDULE, WE HAVE HAD VERY MUCH IN MIND
AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA'S PROBLEM AS OUTLINED IN REF B. HOPEFULLY,
EARLIER DEPARTURE TIME ON 3/10 AND LATER DEPARTURE TIME ON 3/11
WILL ENABLE ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO MAKE CALLS ON GOV OFFICIALS
IN THEIR OFFICES. AT SAME TIME, SINCE MORNING SCHEDULE IN
SANTIAGO PROBABLY WOULD NOT HAVE BEGUN UNTIL ABOUT 1000 HOURS
ON 3/12, WE HOPE ARRIVAL THERE MORNING OF 3/12 RATHER THAN
EVENING OF 3/11 WILL NOT GREATLY UPSET WORKING SCHEDULE. THERE
ARE NO COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FROM BUENOS AIRES TO SANTIAGO EVENING
3/11, HENCE MORNING ARRIVAL SEEMS ONLY SOLUTION. ALTERNATE TO
0810 SABENA FLIGHT WOULD BE EARLIER DEPARTURE, SAY AT 0600,
VIA DAO AIRCRAFT, THUS ARRIVING IN SANTIAGO AT 0900.

3. VIGNES STRESSED TO US IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO AUDIENCE
WITH MRS PERON AND SAID ONLY RPT ONLY TIME AVAILABLE WAS
BETWEEN 1100 AND 1200 HOURS 3/11.

4. THERE IS NO PROBLEM IN USING DAO AIRCRAFT, PROVIDED
FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE. THIS MATTER HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF
SEPARATE DAO MESSAGE.

5. WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE DIFFICULT AND AWKWARD TO AVOID PRESS
CONFERENCE. FOREIGN MINISTRY AGREES AND HAS INFORMALLY EXPRESSED
OPINION THAT WE SHOULD HOLD ONE DURING YOUR STAY HERE (POSSIBLY
FOR HALF AN HOUR IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING WITH AMERICAN
BUSINESSMEN). BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTACT
WITH PRESS, HOWEVER, EMBASSY WISHED TO SOLICIT ASSISTANT
SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

6. YOU ARE AGAIN CORDIALLY INVITED TO STAY AT RESIDENCE IF YOU
OVERNIGHT HERE 3/11.

7. FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES HAS ASKED THAT WE EXPRESS TO
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS THE GREAT PLEASURE WITH WHICH HE IS
LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VISIT, AND HIS SATISFACTION THAT ROGERS
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IS MAKING BUENOS AIRES FIRST STOP, AS VIGNES BELIEVES IS
FITTING IN VIEW OF FACT IT WILL ALSO BE FIRST ON SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S ITINERARY.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE ADVISE SOONEST ON ACCEPTABILITY OF PROPOSED
SCHEDULE SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS.

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